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In re Application of:	:	
Conn et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION TO
Serial No.: 09/998,619	:	WITHDRAW THE HOLDING
Filed: November 30, 2001	:	OF ABANDONMENT
Attorney Docket No.: 3298 1H309US2	:	

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR. § 1.181 filed on May 27, 2004, requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on the timely payment of the Issue Fee.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed a Notice of Allowance to applicants on December 17, 2003. On May 7, 2004 a notice of abandonment was mailed for failure to pay the issue fee.

Applicants state that authorization to timely pay the issue fee was provided on March 1, 2004 by Applicants' attorney. Applicants have submitted the fee transmittal page, fax cover page and proof of fax page as evidence of such authorization. In view of this evidence, applicants are considered to have paid the Issue Fee in a timely manner.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**. The application is restored to pending status with the mailing date of this decision and is being forward to the Office of Publications for allowance.

The appropriate fees will be charged to deposit account 02-2334.

Patent term extensions have to be applied for after the patent issues.

Should there be any questions about this decision, please contact Marianne C. Seidel by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile at 703-872-9306.

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